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SPECIAL RECYCLING PROJECTS

This issue completes last month's update on the progress of the state recycling program.

State Office Paper Recycling - DEP and the Department of Administrative Services are preparing to implement white paper recycling in their central offices in early 1989. These state office programs will serve as examples for other departments - all of which will have to meet the statewide recycling deadline of January, 1991. A system of desktop containers and central collection points have been developed. The program will be publicized by Ray Cycle, the DEP Recycling Superhero. The Governor's Office and the Legislative Offices are developing a similar pilot program.

Ash Residue and Utilization - The Environmental Research Institute of UCONN is studying ash residue characterization, treatment and reuse for Mid-CT and Bristol resource recovery projects. The Institute is also studying how the reduction or removal of packaging and other materials from the waste stream could effect incineration emissions and residue quality.

Waste Oil Recycling - Preliminary discussions have been held with the Connecticut Petroleum Council concerning publicizing the importance of recycling waste oil. Meetings are also underway with state utilities to have waste oil recovery inserts sent out with monthly statements.

Commercial Recycling Pilot - Three regions responded to the DEP request for proposal for a pilot commercial recycling project. The Capitol Region Council of Governments and the Greater Bridgeport Regional Solid Waste Advisory Board were each awarded \$50,000 to set up and publicize recycling programs in several types of business settings. The projects will be publicized so that other business people can visit the sites and learn how to implement their own programs by the 1991 deadline.

Multifamily Recycling - DEP expects to help fund a demonstration in Branford through the South Central Regional Council of Governments to study the effectiveness of household collection containers in single-family and multi-family settings. Branford has passed a mandatory recycling ordinance. It will deliver co-mingled recyclables to the Groton recycling facility, carry the operational costs of the program, and provide the DEP with evaluative data.

Market Development - The Department of Economic Development is about to select a consultant to assist in a study to identify existing and potential industries in Connecticut which could utilize recyclable materials. In addition, DEP has issued a Request For Qualifications as a first step in developing a Request For Proposal to build on the results of the DED study and seek recommendations for state action to enhance the demand for materials generated by state recycling programs.

Packaging and Waste Reduction - DEP has drafted regulations governing the coding of various plastic containers in accordance with P.A. 88-231. The regulations are designed to maximize recyclability. A public hearing on these regulations will be held in mid-January. A subcommittee of CONEG's Environment Committee also developed a proposal for presentation to the Governors involving the creation of a task force to focus on source reduction and packaging. After minor modification by the Environment and Policy Advisory Committees, the Governors established the task force as recommended.

AUTOMOTIVE BATTERY MARKETS

The following scrap metal recyclers have indicated a willingness to accept automotive batteries. Generally, these recyclers pay for each battery; however, some recyclers merely accept batteries as a public service at no charge. Most recyclers pay a higher price for large quantities of batteries banded to pallets. Some recyclers only accept batteries if they are banded to pallets. Broken, damaged and leaking batteries are unacceptable and some dealers require batteries to be drained and dry.

Alderman-Dow Iron & Metals
358 Chapel St.
New Haven, CT 06511
telephone: 562-1594

H. Bixon & Sons
808 Washington Ave.
New Haven, CT 06519
telephone: 777-7445

Calmar Brothers
20 Trumbull St.
New London, CT 06320
telephone: 442-5794

Joseph Freedman Co.
40 Albany St.
Springfield, MA 01101
telephone: 522-6395 or
(413) 781-4444

J.W. Green Co.
2676 South Washington St.
Plainville, CT 06062
telephone: 747-5514

S. Kasowitz & Sons
149 Front Ave.
West Haven, CT 06516
telephone: 932-5978

Kramer Scrap
Southern Ave.
Greenfield, MA 01301
telephone: (413) 774-3103
South Norwalk, CT
telephone: 886-6650

Lajoies
Meadow Street
South Norwalk, CT
telephone: 886-6650

M.J. Metal Inc.
210 Eliot St.
Stamford, CT 06904
telephone: 254-1154

Rome Recycling Corp.
45 Olive St.
Hartford, CT
telephone: 951-3186

Shetucket Iron & Scrap Metal
New Wharf
Norwich, CT 06360
telephone: 887-1681

Suisman & Blumenthal
500 Flatbush Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106
telephone: 522-3123

M. Wilder & Sons
569 North Colony St.
Meriden, CT 06450
telephone: 235-4225

Rubino Brothers
560 Canal St.
Stamford, CT
telephone: 323-3195



Upcoming Meetings

Recycling and Waste-to Energy: Charting the Future for Resource Recovery, January 10-12, 1989, Arlington, VA, presented by the Governmental Refuse Collection and Disposal Association (GRCD). More information at GRCD, 301-585-2898.

The Fifth Annual Conference on Solid Waste Management and Materials Policy, January 25-27, 1989, New York, NY, sponsored by the New York State Legislative Commission on Solid Waste Management and the Council of State Governments, Eastern Regional Conference. Registration: Elaine Launzel - (516) 627-3229. More information: Janet Matthews - (518) 455-3711.

Association for Conservation Information's Winter Workshop, February 12-17, 1989, Washington, D.C., More information at (914) 424-3484.

Developing and Enhancing Markets for Recyclable Materials, March 2-3, 1989, New York, NY, presented by the Northwest Center for Professional Education. More information at (206) 746-4173.

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